

Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 14, 2012

Council Members Present: Serio, Langan, Smallwood, Weistling, Tingle, Bunting, Carmean

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Burke, Town Staff (Public Works, Admin, Building Official), FIBP Captain Tim Ferry and FIPD Chief Boyden

Call to order and flag salute at 3:30 PM by Mayor Serio.

Approval of Minutes Special Council October 26, 2012

Motion to approve minutes – Council Member Bunting

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote: All in favor (7-0)

Non-Agenda Item

Town Manager Burke expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by all members of Fenwick Island Town staff before, during and since Hurricane Sandy. Council expressed their appreciation especially for Mr. Burke's efforts and agreed that they have had nothing but good comments as to how the storm event and its aftermath have been handled. Council especially appreciated the dumpsters being stationed on SR1 at Dagsboro Street and Mr. Nichols' generosity for allowing them to be placed there. Mr. Burke advised that Melvin Joseph Company will be on hand next week to assist with cleanup operations and that a police officer will be stationed at the dumpster location over the weekend to make certain that only Fenwick Island property owners are using the service. Public Works Supervisor, Bryan Reed, reported that his staff will install the holiday lights next week and continue with cleanup operations.

Building Official, Pat Schuchman, reported that there appears to be minimal property damage as compared to other towns and states. A few homes appear to have structural damage and a few property owners have expressed an interest in elevating their homes. Mrs. Schuchman will meet with DNREC's Mike Powell this week to discuss the projects and she will seek council's approval in the future as each property applies for a permit. Under FEMA grant guidelines the property owner is responsible for 25% of the cost. A discussion of the permit fee followed with the council reaching a consensus that the fee should be calculated and added to the Town's cost of recovery operations but not charged to the property owner.

Mayor Serio suggested that Mrs. Schuchman send a letter to each bayside property advising them that she would like to know the amount of damage that they sustained. Also to be included is a letter advising property owners that they must keep a record of all flood damage and repairs as well as the name of the contractor who did the work. This is required disclosure information when selling a property. Mayor Serio also advised that Council should revisit the discussions on raising the height limit on the bayside.

Town Hall Sidewalk Improvement

Town Manager Burke advised that DelDOT has mandated that the sidewalk shall be a 5' concrete walk from corner to corner and that one of the entrances to Town Hall from SR1 shall be eliminated. The estimate to complete the project is \$40,000; the town has a bit more than \$41,000 in the Municipal Street Aid Account to cover the cost. A discussion followed as to how to proceed with all present agreeing that Mr. Burke should seek a meeting at Town Hall with DelDOT so that they can review the plan on-site.

Council went into Executive Session at 3:55 PM.

Council returned to Public Session at 5:00 PM.

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Motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session to offer a one-year contract with items to be addressed as stated in the Lifeguard Manual – Council Member Tingle

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote: All in favor (7-0)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session 8/15/2012 – Council Member Carmean

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote: All in favor (7-0)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session 9/28/2012 – Council Member Bunting

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote: Minutes approved (6-0-1) Council Member Carmean abstained

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session 10/26/2012 – Council Member Carmean

Second – Council Member Bunting

DISCUSSION – None

Vote: All in favor (7-0)

Motion to adjourn - Council Member Tingle

Second - Council Member Bunting

Special Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Transcribed by Agnes DiPietrantonio, Town Clerk

For Diane Tingle, Secretary